Doctor Packard's Office Building 32 South Washington Street Easton, Maryland 21601

T-7 Nineteenth Century, Second Quarter

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CONDITION

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\_\_FAIR \_\_UNEXPOSED

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large frame house stands at the southeast corner of South Washington and Church Streets. It is three bays wide and quite deep. The gable dormers are centered in the west roof slope. Their shallow roofs are terminated in a simple cornice and return. Like most dormers in the town the cheeks are covered with horizontal siding.

Two tall chimneys are enclosed within the north gable end; they have corbelled caps and are covered with stucco. The roof has a deep cornice and return.

Windows are placed one per bay on the major facades. Six over six sashes are used; the trim is very narrow and edged with a bead.

The main entrance with an overlight is in the south bay. The door has been moved to the right side of the opening, but sidelights remain on the left. The door, as modern replacement, is framed with fluted pilasters.

In 1970, the house was restored. On the exterior a new roof and aluminum siding were installed and the two story front porch was rebuilt. The new porch is a reconstruction of the earlier one. A photograph from the 1967 Town of Easton Survey by Paul Brinkman shows a row of dentils and paired ornamental brackets at the second floor cornice; dentils were also used on the first floor cornice. These decorative details have disappeared, but the carved brackets and the flat balusters of sawn wood have been reused.

Thirty-two South Washington appears much as it did when the double porch was added, probably in the middle of the nineteenth century. In this case the aluminum siding detracts little from the historical character of the structure. The colors, golden-tan with brown trim, are harmonious and well suited to the structure. The expansive porches add variety to this street with its many row buildings.

The dwelling was used as an apartment house for many years; neglect and unsympathetic remodelings during that time destroyed most interior details.

The structure was restored by the owner and is now used as medical offices. A small, one bay addition to the south antedates the main house and was once used as a shop. There is an old two-story ell and more recent additions to the rear. The 1967 survey makes note of "a square pyramidal roofed well-house of horizontal beaded siding" and "a corncrib with elaborately scrolled barge boards". Unfortunately the corncrib has vanished. The well house was moved to the residence of Mrs. Helen Carroll on North Washington Street, Easton.

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1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
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SPECIFIC DATES

Nineteenth Century, Second Quarter

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant for its architecture. It is a vernacular house which is related in form to Federal buildings but has bolder, simpler details. The structure was probably constructed during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The double porch with its fine display of sawn wooden ornament is well scaled to both the house and the street. The structure is a pleasant contribution to the street scape of South Washington.

Doctor A. Gibson Packard, Jr. and his wife Mary Frances bought this structure in 1971 from the estate of Mabel McNeal. This building was included in the first parcel. Thirty-two on Washington Street with a depth of approximately eighty feet on Church Alley.

Mabel McNeal was the niece of Ella Clemency James, who, with her husband Solomon T. had bought this property in 1936 for \$6900.00.

It was sold at public sale - Rebecca J. Smith and her husband were forced to give it up. Rebecca James, who later married David Smith, paid \$3000.00 for this house in 1906, which she bought from John Mason. It had been purchased in 1904 by John Mason from T. Clark Mason and had come to the later by the will of his first wife at her best beauth in 1895.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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### 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

This building is a frame federal structure of very large proportions. It has a huge steeply pitched A-roof. The house is 3 bays wide and 4 bays deep. All of the windows are 6/6. There are 2 pedimented dormers on the roof which appear to be contemporary with the construction of the house. The door occupies the right front bay and has sidelights and an overlight. There are two huge chimneys enclosed within the left end of the house. They are now cemented over. This is a very massive house with very high ceilings and a full 3rd storey and attic under the roof. A 2 storey Victorian porch with cut and decorated columns and a gingerbread balustrade runs along the front of the house. There is a smaller 2 1/2 storey kitchen ell which runs off the rear of the house. This structure is unusual for its size and because of the very elaborate porch added across the front.

At present it is cut up into apartments and in need of repairs. At the rear of this structure is a square pyradimal roofed well house of horizontal beaded siding. There is also a corncrib with

elaborately scrolled barge boards.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

Interior

Exterior

In need of repair



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

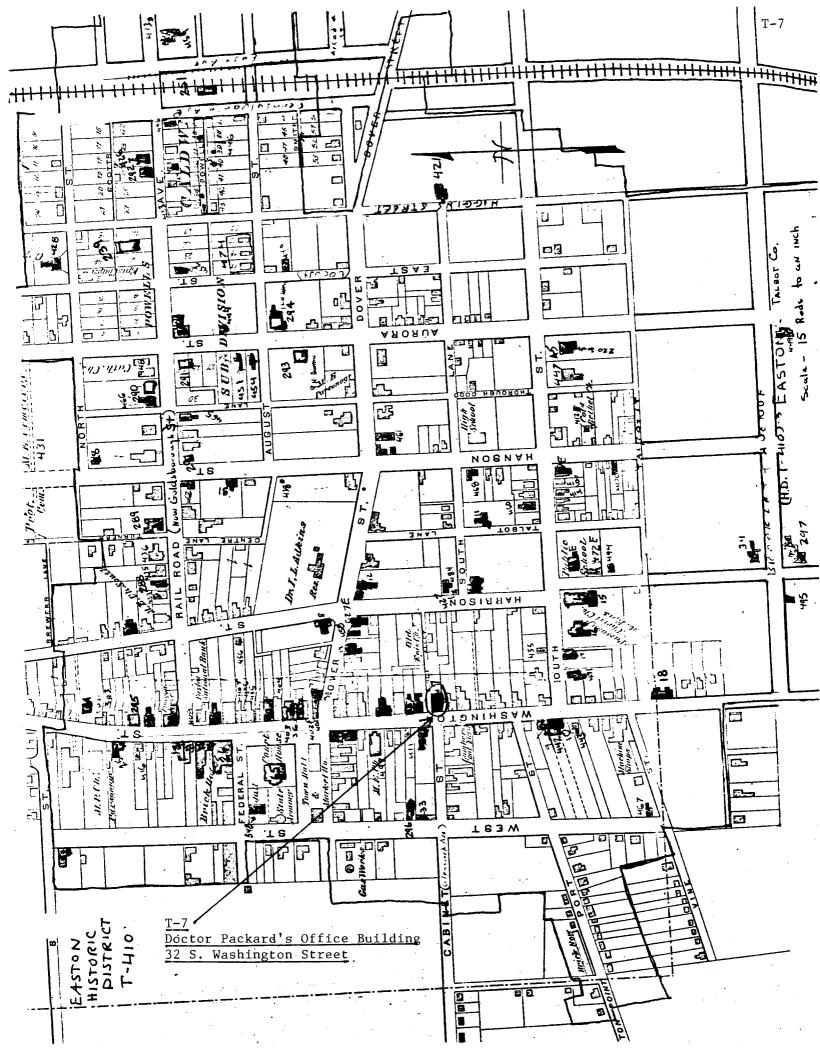
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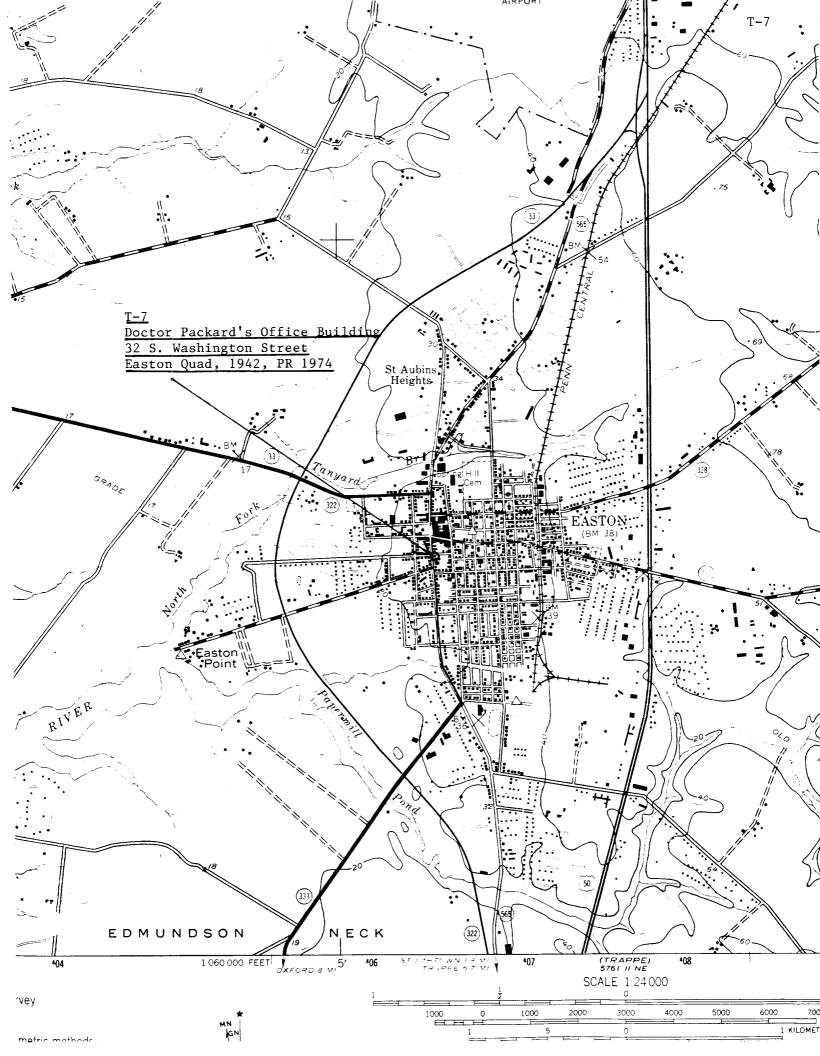
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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Paul A. Brinkman

DATE OF RECORD August 28, 1967







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Dr. Packard's office Building ... 37 S. Washington St. Gaston West Elevation